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Debtor-Creditor Compromise "Fair Means" Of Revaluing Yen Payments New Ordinance Has First Reading

The Debtor-Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948—Government's compromise plan for revaluing claims in occupation currency in respect of repayments made during the enemy occupation of the Colony—passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

In a long review and explanation of the measure the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke), who introduced the Bill, said:

"This Bill has been before the public for over two months and as it has aroused some degree of public interest I might perhaps add to the very full explanation given by the Attorney General in the Objects and Reasons, a brief explanation, in non-technical terms, of Government's policy on this controversial matter, and of the purpose which it is hoped to achieve.

"When the enemy overran the Colony at the end of 1941, one of his first steps was to introduce a currency of his own. It was a paper currency which was issued without backing.

"The 'Military Yen,' as the new currency unit was called, first circulated at the rate of one Military yen to two Hong Kong dollars, and was subsequently revalued at the rate of one Military yen to four Hong Kong dollars.

"In May 1943 the rate of exchange against the Hong Kong dollar was entirely abolished and the use of the Hong Kong dollar made illegal. This meant that after that date the value of the Military yen depended entirely on the confidence which it could command; it depended in fact on the military prestige of the enemy who issued it.

"The following are figures for the value of Military yen notes in circulation during the occupation period:—

Dec. 1942 MY 20½ million

" 1943 MY 42 "

" 1944 MY 300 "

Aug. 1945 MY 1,963 "

"Another early step that the enemy took, after his occupation of the Colony, was to take over the firms of those countries with whom he was at war. He appointed liquidators and endeavoured to wind them up. A necessary step of the winding up was to collect debts owing to these concerns.

Cases Of Hardship

"In collecting these debts, the Japanese were anxious to secure repayment in Hong Kong currency, the currency in which the debts had been incurred, for they knew just how much their occupation currency was worth. The debtors, who were equally well informed, if they had to pay, tried to repay in Military yen but were not at all anxious to part with their Hong Kong dollars.

"These points are very relevant in view of the terms of this Bill. Government is aware that there have been cases of hardship of individuals who had to sell the houses in which they lived, in order to satisfy the demands of the Japanese liquidators for repayment of bank mortgages.

"The point, however, which must be borne in mind in considering these debt payments is that the money did not go to the creditors—to whom it was due, but to the liquidators whom the enemy had placed in charge.

"The question is whether the payments made to the Japanese liquidators constitute, in law, legal discharges of the debts, is one that can only be decided by the courts. Were it to be left to be thrashed out in the courts, two possibilities might eventuate. Either the payments might be held to be legal, in which case the creditors would suffer the full loss; or the payments might be

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"If ever a case for compromise existed, this is surely one. The debtor who paid the liquidator undoubtedly parted with value, but his creditor did not receive that value.

"A suitable compromise would be to split the difference and give the debtor credit, against his debt, for half the value with which he parted, and to require him to make up the full balance to his creditor."

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Rickmobile Tests

Preliminary tests of Hong Kong's future motorized rickshaws—rickmobiles—were made in the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday morning.

Mr. G. D. Blinstead, Superintendent (Traffic) of Police, drove the rickmobile around to test its speed and other mechanical functions.

More tests will have to be carried out before the vehicles are allowed on the streets.

the pound, which made it worth less than a Hong Kong dollar.

"There are various ways of trying to arrive at a value in terms of Hong Kong currency. We could take the black market exchange rate which existed throughout the occupation; we could take the price of gold; we could take the cost of such necessities of life as rice, fuel, oil and vegetables. Investigations have been made along all these lines, and the table in the schedule is the result."

"Not Perfect"

"It does not reflect the value of the yen during the occupation period, nor yet does it represent the half-value which I suggested as the suitable compromise. I should be foolish if I made any such claim for it, as I should promptly be given specific examples to prove how wrong I was.

"But what I think it does provide is a reasonably fair means of revaluing payments in occupation currency. I do not claim that it is perfect, but perhaps the fact that it is opposed by both creditors and debtors as being against their interests may be taken as indicating that it represents a reasonable compromise."

"If we accept this table the result will be this. A pre-occupation debtor, who has made payment in occupation currency to a liquidator during the occupation, will be held not to have discharged his debt. But the amount which he has paid the liquidator will be converted into Hong Kong dollars in accordance with the table in the Schedule. This sum will be deducted from the original amount due at the beginning of the occupation, and the debt will have to pay the difference.

"I have deliberately restricted myself to the all-important point of how far payments made during the occupation period are to be regarded as valid. The other points in the bill may all be regarded as subsidiary to this one, and it is on the solution proposed here that the Bill must stand or fall. I cannot but feel that the situation which has arisen as a result of the enemy occupation is one which cries out for compromise."

"Government has worked out a compromise in terms that it considers fair and equitable, and now presents it to this Council in the form of this Bill.

"It is beside the point to argue whether the Japanese liquidators had any right under International Law to act as they did."

"This Bill arises out of the fact that they did not, and seeks to present a solution of the problems that have been occasioned thereby, a solution which, if accepted by this Council, will at last enable Government to lift the Moratorium which has been a partial discharge of the debt."

"It is particularly over this last provision that controversy has arisen."

"The Creditors say in effect—'We lent Hong Kong dollars before the enemy came. We have not been repaid a cent either in Hong Kong dollars or in any other currency, and we want repayment in full!'

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"The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) and carried unanimously."

The last instalment of the first volume of the "Churchill Memoirs" published yesterday was titled "The 42nd and Last." This should have been "Forty-First and Last." No instalment has been omitted.

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The woman, 41-year-old Wong Loy, despondent because the immigration authorities refused to allow her to join her American-Chinese husband, Glin Hop Lok, of Aberdeen, Washington, climbed out on the 14th-storey ledge of Appraisers Building today and defied a cordon of firemen, police and interpreters to lure her from her suicide perch.

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The woman, who arrived from Hong Kong on Jan. 17, spoke no English. Two interpreters and her lawyer called to her in Chinese from the floor above, while two companies of firemen rigged a large jumping net in the street below.

The Immigration Department chief, Mr. J. F. Wilson, said the

Immigration Board of Inquiry ruled that there was insufficient evidence of marital relationship and had ordered the woman deported.

Her appeal is still pending at the Immigration Board in Washington.

The authorities said the woman reached the ledge by a ladder, "laid across the floor above," and had been left on the eaves roof of an octagonal structure on the 14th floor—United Press.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Valley Of Death



Palmaic soldiers (Jewish Commandos) carry an injured comrade from the battlefield high in the Judean mountains. The incident was during the Jew-Arab fight in Bab el Wad on the main Jerusalem-Tel-Aviv highway. The Jews finally captured the post after many casualties on both sides. Bab el Wad is commonly called "the Valley of Death" because of the heavy death list.

FILM DISTRIBUTORS' THREAT TO WITHDRAW

Shanghai, June 2.
As a protest against the City Government's restrictions on admission price increases in local theatres, eight American film distributors in Shanghai threatened to withdraw from the local market from the end of this month.

Such a move would not only deprive Shanghai of American movies, but would also cut the City Government's amusement tax by two-thirds.

Distributors have presented two demands—that admission prices shall be based on those of 1936 and multiplied by the City Government's monthly cost of living index for salaried employees, and that the proportion of lowest-priced seats in each theatre shall be as of May 1 this year.

Distributors made their threat following a City Government announcement of new ceiling prices for theatres and a stipulation that the lowest price seats in each theatre should not be less than 30 per cent.

This is the second major threat by the distributors to pull out of Shanghai. Last year, distributors threatened to withdraw from Shanghai when the Bureau of Social Affairs wanted to enforce a "voluntary" contribution of Cns\$3,000 million for flood relief.

Later the Bureau again attempted to muddle the distributors with a "voluntary" contribution to the City Government's winter relief drive.—Reuters.

MOSQUITOS AT KAI TAK

Five Mosquito Aircraft of No. 81 (Photographic Reconnaissance) Squadron R.A.F. commanded by Squadron Leader E.A. Fairhurst, D.F.C., arrived at Kai Tak on Monday at the end of a routine training flight from Singapore. The Squadron will remain in Hong Kong for about a month during which time it will carry out normal photographic reconnaissance duties.

"It must be borne in mind that in addition to the suns set out in the answers there will be the added burden of rehabilitating Government buildings and installations, and constructing new ones to replace those destroyed as a result of the war. This burden will fall directly on this Government and is estimated to

STEPS TO RELAX TREASURY CONTROL OVER HONG KONG

His Majesty's Government favours in principle the relaxation of Treasury control over Hong Kong, and measures to achieve this object are now in hand.

This announcement was made by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.) in Legislative Council yesterday, replying to the motion put by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale for the termination of Treasury control over Hong Kong.

Mr. Landale's motion asked that having regard to financial difficulties faced by the United Kingdom Government itself as a result of war losses incurred during the war, Hong Kong should accept the proposals contained in H.M. Government's announcement of April 27, 1948, and to seek the immediate termination of Treasury control over the Colony.

Introducing his motion before Council, Mr. Landale said:

"There is considerable desire locally to assist the Home Government in their present financial difficulties, and it is solely for this reason that we do not wish to press for what might crudely be expressed as our 'bound of

something of the order of \$150,000."

"Age Of Discretion"

"The second half of my motion is a natural corollary to the first half. No grown-up member of a family likes being tied too tightly to its mother's apron strings. While I admit that should such a member of a family start sewing an unduly amount of wild oats, the parent has to bring its influence to bear in putting matters right. Before the war the Colony had reached the age of discretion and had achieved a certain degree of financial autonomy, but as a result of the war—not I might add or sewing wild oats—our finances deteriorated.

"However, during the two years since the war we have proved that we are capable of being reinstated to that same degree of financial autonomy, that we enjoyed before the war, and it is the sincere hope of all my Unofficial Colleagues that our request will be acceded to."

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Currency Reform 'Premature'

Nanking, June 2.

Dr. Hollington Tong, Government Information spokesman, today dismissed as premature the reports of an imminent currency reform in China and declared that apart from the China Aid programme, the Chinese Government has made no further request for United States assistance to support a currency reform.

Dr. Tong said that though the Government has had a plan for currency reform for a long time, it is still uncertain when this will be put into practice.

He flatly denied the reports alleging that silver dollars are being minted in the United States or Mexico in anticipation of a currency change.

In explanation of the recent Government action in lifting the ban on silver coins, Dr. Tong said that while their possession and sale to the Central Bank are approved, the Government has instructed local financial authorities to take stern measures against private trading in silver.

In reply to a question whether China has applied for additional aid from the United States in making a currency reform, Dr. Tong said: "Since the enactment of the China Aid Programme, the Chinese Government has not made any further request for financial assistance."—Reuters.

Naval History Made

London, June 2.

The British Pacific Fleet, supporting the American attack on the island of Okinawa in 1945 sometimes opened fire on friendly fighters, states Vice-Admiral H. B. Rawlings, then second in command of the Fleet, in his report of the operation, published tonight by the Admiralty.

After declaring that the matter of differentiating between our own and enemy aircraft became daily of more importance, Admiral Rawlings writes: "With the suicide attack and as is inevitable, with our own fighters pursuing the enemy right on to the fleet's guns, there is only a matter of seconds in which to act."

"At certain angles, there is little difference between the Japanese single-engined aircraft and some of our own fighters."

The report is contained in the despatch on the operation by Admiral Lord Fraser, then Commander-in-chief of the British Pacific Fleet, who writes that the Fleet made British naval history by operating off the enemy coasts for periods up to 30 days each.—Reuters.

To Proceed

Sufficient support has been received by the proposed Home-building and Investment Society for embarking on its Jardine's Lookout project, the "China Mail."

The number of prospective house-owners who have registered with the Provisional Committee of the Society was not available yesterday. It is, however, known that the original plan is to construct 190 double-storey homes in the area.

The Society's application for land, subject to Government's 20-year non-transferable lease, was approved some time ago when Government granted it an area at Kowloon Tsai and another at Jardine's Lookout.

It is understood that the number of applications registered for homes at Kowloon Tsai are at present not sufficient to embark immediately on the house-building scheme for the mainland.



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"DEVILISH SMUGGLERS" CLAIM GOLD HIDDEN IN BODIES WAS THEIR OWN

"Members of a devilish gang of smugglers," comprising two men, three married women, nine widows and six spinsters, whose alleged inglorious ruse to smuggle some \$195,160 worth of gold bars into the colony was frustrated by Revenue officers on Tuesday evening, appeared in the dock before Mr. Hin-Shing Lo of Central Magistracy yesterday.

The defendants, who were not represented legally, were passengers aboard the "Merry Moller." Two more females brought up in the Juvenile Court were cautioned and a cautioning order made.

Revenue Inspector Redman, prosecuting, told the Court, acting on information 24 persons were detained. Asked whether they had any gold on them, they replied in the negative.

Of the 24 suspects, 22 were arrested when X-ray examination at the Queen Mary Hospital revealed that they had gold bars inserted in their persons.

Apparently "Doctored"

From the 22 persons altogether 102 gold bars, each measuring 1/2 by 3 inches and weighing five pounds, were extracted. The total value at the current open rate was \$195,160. The bars were tied in bundles of threes, fours, fives and sixes by cotton wool and rubber bands. They were apparently "doctored" at the other end.

Asking for a "very, very serious view" to be taken, RI Redman declared that if it had not been for the evidence of the defendants, he would have had 100 percent chance of cheating the Law as it was almost impossible to detect the hidden gold. The prosecution charged driving without due care and attention and fined accused \$100.

The question of compensation to the Fire Brigade for the damage to the engine, estimated at \$1,700, raised by DO Seymour was left to be dealt with departmentally.

In his evidence, DO Seymour said that drivers, during training, are cautioned as to driving, principally in busy thoroughfares, and taught to drive according to the conditions at the time. They could only "open out" on a clear road.

A fire engine is permitted to go through a "red light" but the driver would be responsible for an accident.

The concealment was obviously done by doctors in Macao and defendants were members of an organised gang, RI Redman pointed out. He also observed that grave responsibility rested on people who make such arrests as the suspects had to be subjected to medical examination and if no material result was procured, serious complications might arise which would be difficult to answer. He again asked that a serious view be taken.

Mr. Lo remarked that it was more than a coincidence that all the 20 defendants had gold similarly concealed in their bodies. They must be obviously members of a "devilish gang of smugglers."

Precaution

The Magistrate asked the defendants what they had to say in mitigation, and was informed by Ma Chol, a female who elected to speak on behalf of the others, that they were all country people who had sold their property to buy the gold and bring it into the colony. They owned the gold themselves and did not know the regulations here.

"Why did you conceal the gold in such an undignified way if you didn't know local laws?" Mr. Lo inquired.

Ma said there were many robbers in the country and they hid the gold as a precaution. She added that they were all bankrupt and pleaded for leniency.

"This is the first case of its kind," Mr. Lo commented.

"We'll have to make it the last one," RI Redman said.

Defendants were all remanded 24 hours in gaol custody, pending judgment.

Sheen Broadcast

Sir—As a Catholic member of the H.K. Broadcasting Advisory Committee and the one immediately responsible for arranging the recent broadcast by Mgr. Fulton Sheen, I wish to express the regret of all concerned that this broadcast should in any way have given offence. In all the communications on the subject with Mgr. Sheen before he came here, and in direct conversation with him while he was in Hong Kong, it was pointed out that Z.B.W. is a Government wireless station and that nothing should be said over the air which was controversial or likely to offend the feelings of any listeners. Though this seemed quite clear, I am afraid that Mgr. Sheen did not fully realise the difference between our station and the private ones from which he is accustomed to speak in the United States. There was nothing in his script which seemed to demand alteration, but he evidently regarded this MS. as many public speakers regards the written version of his speech, an integral part of the discourse rather than a verbal copy, and in departing from it he said more than he originally intended to say. We greatly regret it. (THOS. F. RYAN, S.J.)

Peninsula

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—R. L. Wood, Capt., and Mrs. S. L. Wilson, Mrs. L. Emmett, Miss. Saunders, Mrs. N. B. Garden and Mr. and Mrs. V. H. MacVittie.

Peninsula departures:—Mrs. K. Massay, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dunsinga, Mrs. and Miss M. A. W. Banks, E. L. Moore, Mrs. Olive Jory, D. Bennett, David Thomas, J. Voss and Mr. and Mrs. S. Weston.

Fatal injuries were sustained by a R.W.D. workman, Lam Wal, aged 26 years, when he fell from a moving lorry at the junction of Nathan Road and Bute Street at about 5 p.m. yesterday. Lam was rushed to Hospital immediately after the incident, but died 20 minutes after his admission.

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Chinese Sentence

Jap Officers

Shanghai, June 1:

Four former Japanese officers were convicted of war crimes by a Chinese Military Court here and given prison terms ranging from 12 years to life, while another accused was acquitted.

Y Fukuda, former Commander of the Japanese China Fleet and Adjutant Officer of the Konoye Cabinet, was sentenced to 15 years for participation in war of aggression in violation of international agreements.

It was charged that Fukuda

was the person who controlled

puppets in South China during the war.

T Miyakawa, former Commander of the 40th Division of the Japanese Army, was given 12 years for allowing his troops to commit rape and other atrocities against the civilian population in Kwailin after the Kwangsi city fell into Japanese hands.

T Miura, former Commander of the 60th Division, was convicted of blowing his troops in

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HARD LABOUR, CANE FOR ROBBER-KIDNAPPERS

Found guilty by a jury on charges of robbery by two or more and the forcible taking away of Chan Chong-yuen for ransom, Tsui Shuen-hung was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), to nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Cheung Fuk, who had previously pleaded guilty to similar charges, but on whose behalf a strong plea in mitigation was put forward by Mr. A. J. Clifford, was sentenced to six years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. J. Wall.

Mr. Clifford appeared to Cheung Fuk, instructed by Mr. Peter Sun of Messrs. P. H. Sun & Co., Tsui Shuen-hung was not legally represented.

The accused were alleged to have robbed Chan Chong-yuen of \$4,000, a wrist watch and a gold finger ring prior to kidnapping him.

Easily Misled

Evidence as to the good character of Cheung Fuk was given by Cheung Taitang, Head of a village in the Tai Po area. Witness said

that Cheung Fuk was a hard worker, but was not strong mentally. As a result, he was easily misled or fooled.

In the course of his plea for mitigation on behalf of Cheung Fuk, Mr. Clifford said that the latter had been used as a "stodge". Of the \$1,000 taken from complainant, Cheung only received \$50. The fact that Cheung, who was left to stand guard over complainant while the others went away, should walk away in search for food was strong evidence that Cheung did not have a criminal character, but was really stupid.

Mr. Reynolds said that the Crown regarded cases of this nature as being very serious. Cheung was not altogether an innocent party and with regard to the holding of complainant, he was a very active agent. There was no doubt that Cheung was impaled upon to a certain extent in that he did a lot of work and was deceived by the others. However, Cheung did guard complainant for more than two days and although he went away when the food supply ran out, he had sufficient intelligence to warn complainant against running away and to add that there was no armed guard outside. If Cheung was not armed, he was certainly able to keep complainant subdued for two or three days. It was true that only \$50 was found in his possession but he obviously expected to get something out of the ransom money.

Leniency Plea

Mr. Reynolds drew attention to the fact that there had been five cases of this nature in the New Territories recently. It was very difficult to suppress this form of crime as the culprits usually crossed over into Chinese territory.

Tsui Shuen-hung appealed to Mr. Justice Gould for leniency so that on his discharge, he could return to China "to do good."

In passing sentence on Cheung Fuk, Mr. Justice Gould said he was taking into consideration the latter's youth and Mr. Clifford's plea. The offence was punishable with 15 years' imprisonment. He also taking into consideration that Cheung had been used as a "stodge". Nevertheless, Cheung must be so punished that he should not be leniently in similar circumstances again.

Before passing sentence on Tsui Shuen-hung, Mr. Justice Gould said that the latter was much older. Although he had not taken a leading role, he should have known that such a crime was a crime in Hong Kong just as much as in Chinese territory.

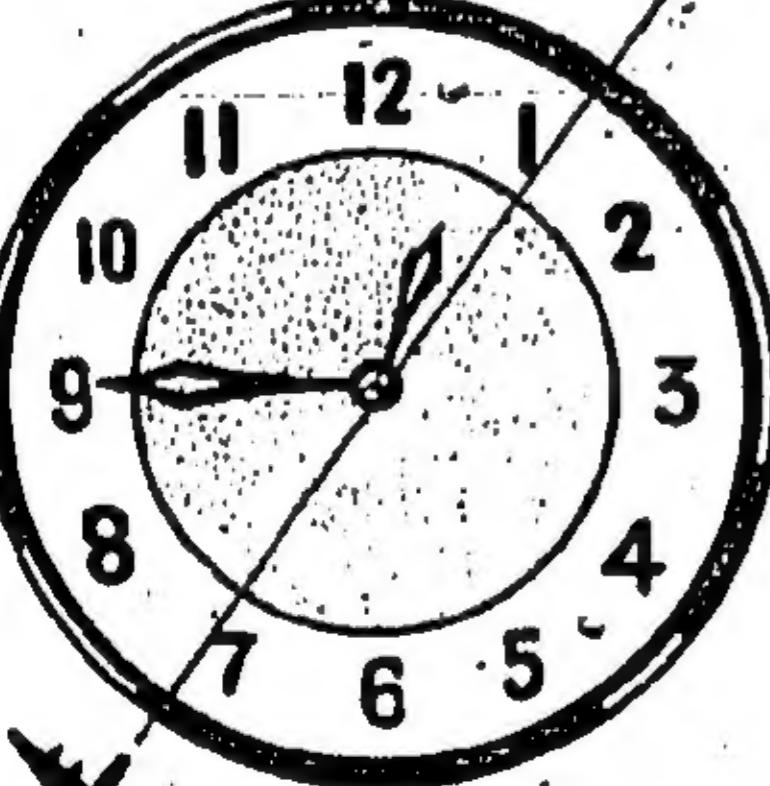
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ACTION OVER SHELF

Four New Ordinances Now Law

Four new Ordinances were added to the Colony's Statute Books at yesterday's Legislative Council.

The Bill to control the sale and use of Penicillin and Streptomycin was passed with an amendment to extend control over Penicillin in all forms.

Dr. Thomas explained that Penicillin is now used not only in the form of injections but also in the form of lozenges.

Legislative approval for the preparation and publication of a revised edition of the law of Hong Kong was given by Council without comment.

The Bill proposed by the Hon. Mr. M. R. Lee for the incorporation of the Hong Kong Christian Church Union, and the Bill put up by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almeida, K.C. for the conversion of the capital of the Canton Trust Co. Ltd. from Chinese to Hong Kong currency, were likewise passed without comment.

After complainant had given evidence in support of Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall's opening, the Magistrate held that there was no case to go before a Jury on either the substantive charge or on the alternative one of indecent assault.

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It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 7th day of June, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower Albert Road, Hong Kong.

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1	Kowloon Island — Lot No. 6011.	At the corner of Shoung Heung Road and To Kwa Wan Road.	As per sale plan (Area coloured red)	4,000	\$140	\$20,000
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The new Tariff will become effective on the 21st June, 1948.

Copies of the new Tariff may be obtained from the Local Chairman, Far Eastern Freight Conference, P. & O. Building, Hong Kong at a charge of HK\$20.00 per copy, on and after Monday, 7th June, 1948.

Additional Rates with Transhipment to Ports of Destination. A separate Tariff of Transhipment Additions is in course of preparation and until this becomes effective additional rates with transhipment to ports of destination will be ascertained by reference to Section IV of the old Tariff, in respect of which Addenda will continue to be issued.

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CLASH ON RUBBER ESTATE

Chinese Killed In Police Baton Charge COMMISSIONER'S WARNING

Singapore, June 1. Seven Chinese were killed and 10 injured today when police made a baton charge on 200 dismissed Chinese employees who had refused to leave a rubber estate near Segamat, 125 miles north of Singapore.

The Chinese had been given a month's notice by the European management, who recently took over the estate and had found difficulty in controlling the workers.

Most of the dismissed workers had refused to leave, saying they would run the estate themselves. The clash began when the police, who were sent to investigate the situation, were surrounded by Chinese armed with sticks, stones, bottles and spears. There were no police casualties, and no shots were fired.

Jewish Gesture To Arabs

Annan, June 1. Paul J. Ruegger, President of the International Red Cross committee, announced today that the Jewish authorities are evacuating 80 Arab wounded soldiers and more than 400 Arab civilians to Arab lines in Jerusalem.

He said the action was in return for "the very generous way the Arab authorities carried out the evacuation of Jewish non-combatants from the surrendered Jewish quarter of the old City last Friday and Saturday." The number exceeded 1,500.

Eighty wounded were due to be handed over to the Arabs during the afternoon from the French hospital in Jerusalem.

Arab civilians, including women, children, and the aged, were being collected at a concentration point first before the evacuation. "That is difficult because of snipers," he explained.—Associated Press.

JAVA OBJECTION TO ISRAEL

The Hague, June 1. The Netherlands Government is withholding a decision on the recognition of Israel owing to "serious objections" against any action in the matter raised by the Ministry of Overseas Territories, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Baron Van Buindelaar, said in the First Chamber today.

He was speaking after the tabling of a motion urging the Government to recognise Israel submitted by a Communist member. It was learned that the Interim Government of Indonesia and the Surinam Administration had raised objections to the recognition of Israel.—Reuter.

BENGAL SCARE

Calcutta, June 1. Evidence has been received that Bengal's outlawed Communists are planning a campaign in preparation for a projected armed rising and seizure of power, said the Bengal Home Minister, Kiron Sarker Roy, today.

Police today were ordered to stand by as the government anticipated clashes with Communists.

These, however, did not occur.—Associated Press.

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1.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Newsround.

1.30 p.m.—Orchestra Interlude.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. Episode 78: "The Only Hope". Read by Captain Flint (Studio).

6.30 p.m.—British Variety Programme of New Records.

6.45 p.m.—Tex Willer and His Tumbling Tumbleweeds (Studio).

7.00 p.m.—"TIME" with Tommy Handley (BBC).

7.30 p.m.—Le Dem-Hours Francaise (Studio).

8.00 p.m.—"British Comedy and Home News" (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—"British Concert Hall" BBC Symphony Orchestra (BBC).

8.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Aileen Dekker (Studio).

8.30 p.m.—Composer: Oswald Robert Stols (ORBS).

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.30 p.m.—Programmes of Romance.

10.30 p.m.—Music for Dancing.

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11.15 p.m.—Interlude.

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

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Holiday's Heavy Toll

New York, June 1. American's three-day Memorial holiday—the first bank holiday of the summer season—which ended last night, was estimated today to have claimed the lives of nearly 400 people through accidents.

One man cheated death in spectacular fashion, however. Giving a performance in an air show in Michigan, a 27-year-old stunt pilot fell 5,000 feet in a parachute which did not open—and yet suffered only a slight cut over an eye. Telephone wires caught his unopened parachute and left him dangling in the air until help came.—Reuter.

Indians To Demonstrate

London, June 1. Indians and Africans in London, at a meeting last night, unanimously agreed to hold demonstrations against Dr. Malan's segregation policy in the Union of South Africa.

Mr. E.A. Khan, president of the Indian Workers' Association, who had arranged the meeting, said that Dr. Malan's victory was a victory for Fascism in South Africa.

"The British Government prides itself on Commonwealth democracy," he added, "but Dr. Malan is opposed to all decent democratic institutions. He believes in racial thuggery."

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NO DOLLAR LOAN, SAYS BRITAIN

Washington, June 1. British officials have informed the Economic Co-operation Administration here that their country can accept no dollars in the form of loans unless they are intended for self-repaying projects and not for "consumption" goods.

The result of this decision, it is understood, will be that the \$100,000,000 tentatively allocated to Britain by the Administration for the April 1-June 30 quarter of this year will almost certainly not be used immediately, and may actually remain idle for some time, while British officials and ECA experts work out the details of the projects already satisfactory to both sides.

British officials have been considerably concerned over the past few weeks about the advisability of accepting more dollar loan burdens. They were disturbed over the fact that, of Bri-

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Plan allocation of \$400 million, five per cent was specifically labelled as being amenable on a long basis only.

These loans, it was understood, will carry a heavier interest rate than the original post-war American loan to Britain—around three per cent—and will therefore add to the considerable annual dollar repayment obligation that Britain must assume, starting in 1952.

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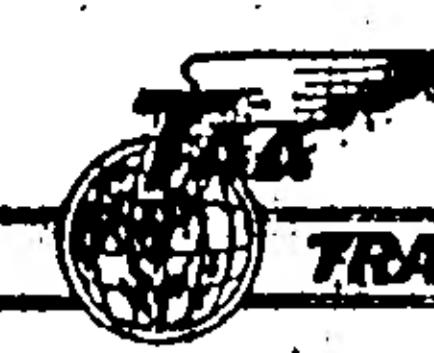
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CHINA'S NEW CABINET

At this time of crisis in China's affairs, the new Cabinet appointed to serve under Wong Wen-hao, sound as it is in many respects, will arouse few enthusiasms. The introduction of the much-needed new blood, to provide both the talent and the strong personalities able to carry through the extreme measures required in the present emergency, is conspicuously lacking, though there may be something in the rather fatalistic submission that when the fortunes of the country have sunk so low, the next turn of the cycle must inevitably be upward. What encouragement is to be derived from this sort of soothing syrup does little to diminish the disappointment of China's well-wishers that the inauguration of democratic government leaves so little unchanged and for all practical purposes finds the administration entrusted to the same hands. Nor do the several refusals of prominent leaders to accept the responsibilities of office make the situation any better. Even Wong Wen-hao, who assumes the heaviest burden, was not the first choice for the premiership, though he is sufficiently well-known and respected to permit the feeling that he may yet prove himself to be the best choice. It is perfectly true, also, that the team with which he has surrounded himself would, in other circumstances, probably make a thoroughly good team, for it is composed largely of experts who are admittedly able men at their job. Unfortunately, few of them possess political influence of any consequence. The set-up is one which could have distinct advantages in a well-organised state, but in China to-day it is to be feared that the product is much more likely to be 'responsibility without power.' After the failure of Ho Ying-chin and Chang Chun to form administrations, Wong Wen-hao's government gives the impression that it represents the last chance, with the very grave danger that should he fail to satisfy the need, a willing successor would be extremely difficult to find, even leading to a break-up of the Kuomintang and chaos.

Included in the twenty Ministries announced are only five new men, and only two of these are important—General Ho Ying-chin who has taken over the Ministry of National Defence from Pai Chung-hsi, and Wang Yun-wu, formerly President of the Executive Yuan, who becomes Minister of Finance in the place of Mr. O. K. Yui. Next to the Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu has taken on the weightiest task, and he will have started well if there is any truth in the persistent reports that currency reform will engage his first and urgent attention. No estimate can be formed of the merits of the plan predicted without formal announcement and further details, but of the necessity for some such effort to place China's currency on a stable basis there can be no doubt. It is, in fact, the first need, and it is by the results it achieves in this special mission that the Wong Wen-hao Government is likely to be judged.

PALESTINE

The First Jewish State For
Nearly 1900 YearsBy A Special
Correspondent
In The Holy Land

J.L. HAYS

How are the Jews going to make out?

Certainly they themselves show little anxiety about their ability to follow up the country-wide military action which has "unofficially" partitioned Palestine according to the United Nations' plan of last November, with the rapid installation of their own administrative machinery.

Under British rule Jewish institutions enjoyed autonomy in such fields as health, education and social services. They have always in Palestine run their own hospitals, universities and schools, certainly the finest in the Middle East.

Not for nothing was the Jewish Agency, with an expenditure totalling £30,000,000 in five years, known as a "Government within a Government." Now it is expanding its activities to include postal services, law courts, an import-export licensing system and taxation.

But 1,878 years is a long time to have gone without an independent Government of your own.

come tax authority is busy collecting money still owed to the former Palestine Government. New wireless and car licences are being issued. Revenue stamps overprinted with "National Exchequer" are in post offices.

Postal services which broke down as British officials thinned out, are again functioning in Jewish areas.

In Tel Aviv the import-export office has issued licences covering imports from 32 countries, worth £6,000,000.

The Department of Justice, headed by former top Berlin lawyer Dr. Felix Rosenblueth, will soon set up courts all over the Jewish State; but the British code of justice will be maintained for the time being and then gradually amended to fit all Jewish needs. Anti-prostitution and traffic courts are already operating.

Something like 8,000 Jews served with the British Administration from department executives down through clerks and telephone operators to engine drivers, policemen and postmen. They are all being absorbed into the Jewish Government service. Many of them will get rapid promotion.

Haganah becomes the constituent army of Eretz Israel. For 60 years the defence force of Jewish institutions, and controlled, recruited and financed by them, Haganah was officially "handed over" to its commanders a few days ago by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister.

This somewhat ambiguous statement is often quoted by his friends to block suggestions that he is anti-British. In fact he did much to encourage enlistment by volunteers into the British forces.

But, pro-British as he might have been until the rise of Hitler, any affection he held for this country has steadily cooled since.

This is best illustrated by his attitude towards terrorism. Consistently he has declared himself an opponent of violence, but before the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine he said collaboration by the Jewish Agency with the British in suppressing terrorism had to be given up because it was "futile."

His only relaxation is the study of classical Greek, and he has a library of hundreds of rare Greek texts.

He married while in America and has three children. A son has been a liaison officer between the Jewish police and the British.

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PEN PICTURE OF ITS
FIRST PREMIER

British officials did not believe then, and neither do they believe now, that it was anything of the sort.

Every policeman in Palestine was always certain the Agency could have beaten down both Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang any time they wished.

Palestine Jews like to describe him as temperamental, and dynamic. They tell stories of how hard he works, how relentlessly he drives his assistants; of the sensitiveness to criticism and contradiction; of his noisy rages.

But for many Jews his oratory is the subject of suspicion; and so is his political judgment. As leader of the Coalition Government he will be closely watched.

Like most Palestine Jews who have known both Turkish and British rule, his political career has had its ups and downs.

After working as a labourer and mounted watchman in the settlements, he went in 1913 to Constantinople to study law.

He was then pro-British and pro-Ally, and after World War I, began he wasn't afraid to say so.

He was soon expelled by the Turks, who stamped his passport "Not permitted to re-enter Palestine."

So he went to America and organised a Zionist colonisation movement and an American Jewish Legion.

After General Allenby liberated Jerusalem from the Turks, Mr. Ben-Gurion returned and joined up as a private in the Fortieth Royal Fusiliers, a battalion of British American and European Jewish volunteers.

After the war ended he rose rapidly to prominence in the Socialist movement. He helped to organise the all-powerful Histadruth trade Union organisation, and was secretary of the Palestine Labour Party, Mapai, from 1921 to 1938, when he moved up to 1945 that he was elected Chairman of the Executive, displacing Palestine Jewry's "elder statesman," Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

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WESTERN GERMANY TO HAVE PARLIAMENT

London, June 1.

The main achievements of the six-power talks in London on Germany, which ended tonight, are authoritatively stated to include:

1—Agreement to set up a German constituent Assembly for the three Western Zones or about Sept. 1, 1948;

2—The creation of an International control organisation for the Ruhr industries composed of six powers—Britain, France, the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—and representatives of Western Germany, with powers over the distribution of key Ruhr products, in particular coal, coke and steel, and;

3—Agreement to introduce currency reform in the Western zones of Germany—probably early in July—but not, it is anticipated, in the Western Sectors of Berlin.

At today's final session, attended by the heads of the delegations and presided over by Britain's Sir William Strang, the Conference's report, for submission to the Governments of the participating powers, was signed.

It is expected that a formal communiqué according the conclusion of the Conference in agreement on all points will be published tomorrow.—Reuter.



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BRITISH SALES OF ARMS

London, June 1.

John Freeman, Parliamentary

Secretary to the Ministry of

Supply, told the House of Com-

mons that a wide range of non-

military stores and surplus equip-

ment were sold in Palestine and

Transjordan immediately before

the British mandate ended.

He said that he could give no

accurate estimate of their value

but by March 31, £2,760,000 had

been received from the sales in

these two areas.

Freeman was answering a Par-

liamentary question submitted by

Communist Phil Piratin.—Asso-

ciated Press.

NEW AUSTRALIAN ENVOY

Canberra, June 1.

The Australian Government has

decided to appoint Alan Shipton,

former Minister to Washington,

High Commissioner for South

Africa, High Ministerial source

told. The Associated Press after a

Cabinet meeting last night.

Keith Officer, Minister to The

Hague, is appointed Australian

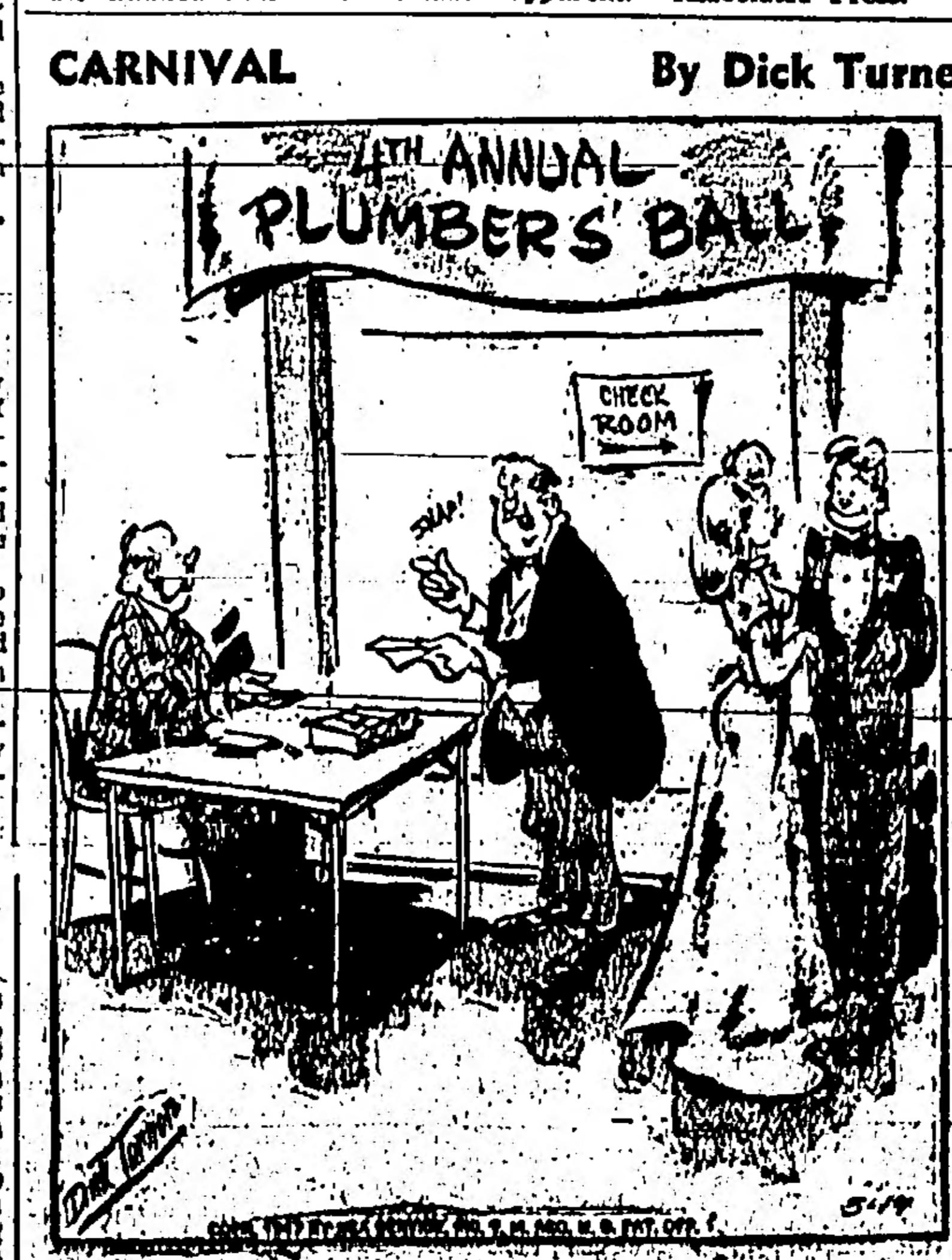
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**GREEK PEACE OFFENSIVE:
GENERAL MARKOS' FEELERS
"ANOTHER BLUFF," SAYS ATHENS****TRUNK MURDER IN
MAIDENHEAD**

London, June 1. The Yugoslav news agency, Tanyug, reported today that the "free" Greek Government of General Markos, in a statement, said that it was "prepared to welcome" any initiative aimed at establishing peace in Greece under the condition that foreign "interference" there is ended.

It said the statement followed a meeting of the Markos Cabinet on May 30 to discuss the military and political situation.

According to Tanyug, the statement was made to "aid endeavours of democratic forces of the entire world for peace and democratic understanding of mankind."

The statement said, "The provisional democratic government of Greece is always ready to accept and support every initiative aimed at aiding the establishment of peace in Greece, on condition that the unrestricted democratic way of life is assured to the people, that national sovereignty and independence are safeguarded, that every foreign interference is ended and that the Greeks freely decide upon their fate."

"High Time"

To this end, the provisional democratic government is prepared to make all concessions permitted by the people's and national interest.

"It is high time that blood ceased to be shed in Greece for the account of foreign imperialists and domestic plutocrats. It is time that monarch-Fascist murder and slaughter ceased."

"The democratic people's movement in Greece has never in the past sought, nor does it now seek, forcible and exclusive power. It is at all times ready to discuss any proposals which tend toward the general well-being of the people and homeland. But the democratic army is not relaxing its firm hold on the rifle. It cherishes boundless faith in the righteousness of its cause and has confidence in its strength, which issues from the people."

Cold Reception

"If the monarch-Fascists, even in the last minute, fail to show readiness to stop bloodshed, we

**Truman
Picks Up
Votes**

Washington, June 1. President Harry Truman picked up 74 more National convention votes for the Democratic Presidential nomination today and stood to gain another eight.

The 74 were made up of 54 won without opposition in a California primary and 20 instructed for him in a Maryland Party convention.

This ran his total pledged and claimed strength to 589, or 29 short of the 611 required for the nomination.

Some of his claimed votes are disputed. The President's chances to net another eight delegates' votes were dependent on the outcome of the South Dakota primary.—Associated Press.

**Spellman
Attacks
Communism**

Shanghai, June 2. Cardinal Spellman, at a reception given in his honour at Aurora University yesterday, gave an extemporaneous address saying, "The obvious thing about Communism is that it is not Chinese but alien and the Chinese are being persuaded to follow the Red Star as a solution of their troubles."

The Cardinal said he hoped that the Chinese Reds would see the error of their ways, adding that "they are wrong in not following the leadership of the Generalissimo."

Referring to American aid to China, Cardinal Spellman said, "The Chinese cannot pull themselves up by their own bootstraps and we Americans must continue to help them."—United Press.

**GARDINAL WAS
AMAZED**

Shanghai, June 2. An official spokesman for Cardinal Spellman said today that John Dyer Spellman, who was killed in a tavern brawl in Rockville Center, Long Island, on Sunday was erroneously identified as the Cardinal's cousin.

The spokesman said the Cardinal asked that it be made clear that the man was not his cousin or relative in any connection. The spokesman said the Cardinal was "amazed" at the report.—United Press.

Maidenhead, June 1. Police found the trussed body of wealthy Mrs. Freeman Len, 89-year-old recluse, today in a trunk standing in the front hall of her 18-room home at Maidenhead.

She had been slain, police said, before her body was put in the trunk, probably last Saturday. They said robbery was the probable motive for the crime.

Neighbours noticed three days ago was standing on the doorstep and called the police. Mrs. Lee lived alone in the large house the rooms of which were in disorder. A neighbour said she believed Mrs. Lee was born in America.—Associated Press.

**AMERICA SCEPTICAL
OF SAIGON SET-UP**

Washington, June 1. United States officials were understood to take a somewhat sceptical view of the new provisional Vietnam Control Government of Indo-China, which reportedly will be proclaimed on June 5 aboard the French cruiser Douay Trouin in the Bay ofAlong.

They were said to be awaiting fuller information as to the composition and system of the government before deciding whether it is what it claims to be—"an independent central government"—or merely a "front" for the French Government.

Not much is known here of General Nguyen Van Xuan, who reportedly will be Premier of the new Government, except that he is an Annamite who is also a General in the French Army.

Informed sources here assumed, on the basis of unofficial reports, that the French would accord recognition of some sort to the new Government.

However, the United States will not follow with "de facto" recognition, as it did in the case of Indonesia.

Instead, it will await further information which would more clearly indicate just what the new Government is and how representative it is of the Indo-Chinese people.—United Press.

INTIMIDATION

Berlin, June 1. A British Military Government spokesman said today that Berlin Communists were using intimidation to obtain signatures to their "people's petition" for German unity.

Circulation of the petitions has been banned in the American and French sectors of Berlin as a "propaganda trick" but is being permitted in the British sector.—Associated Press.

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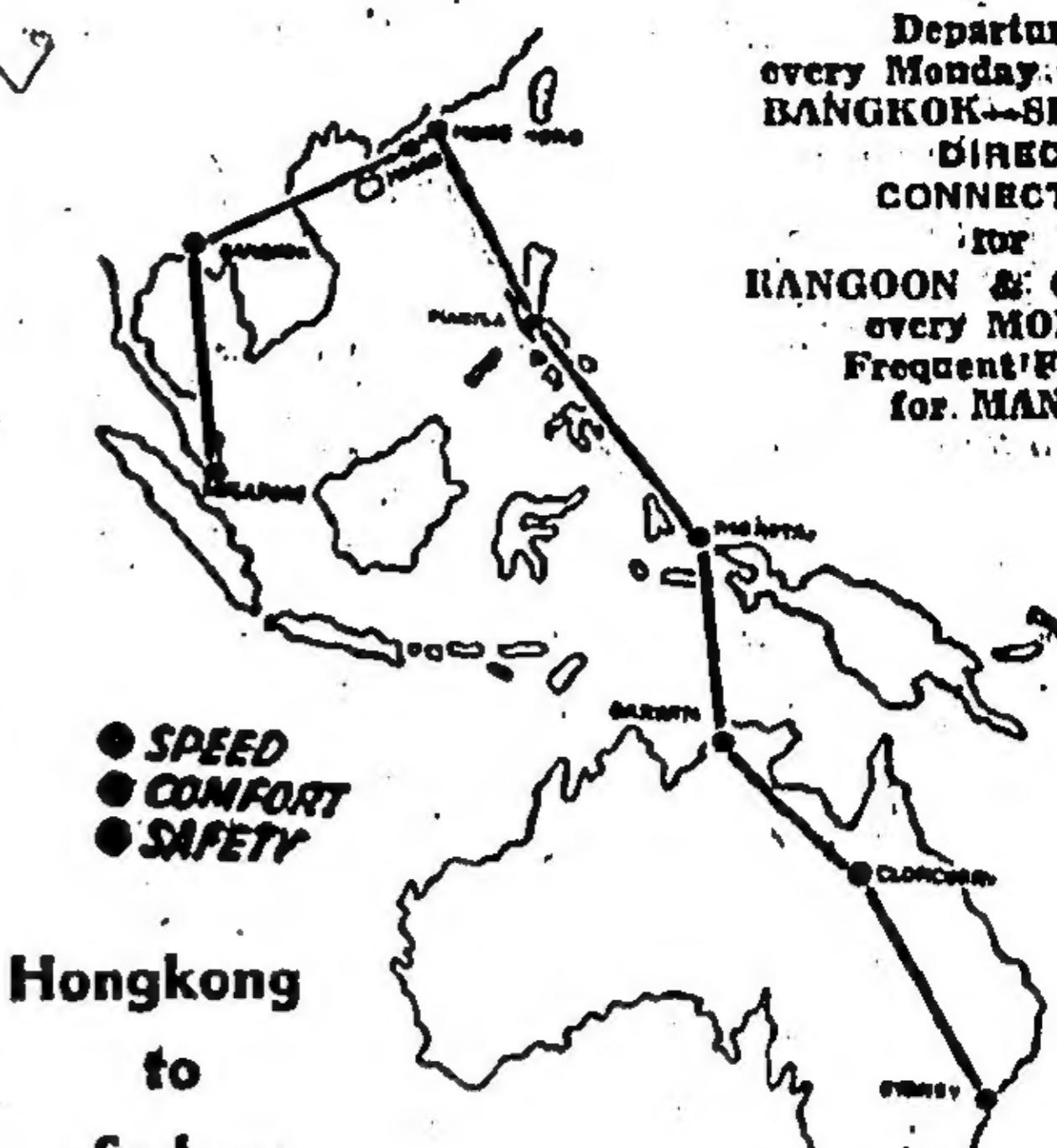
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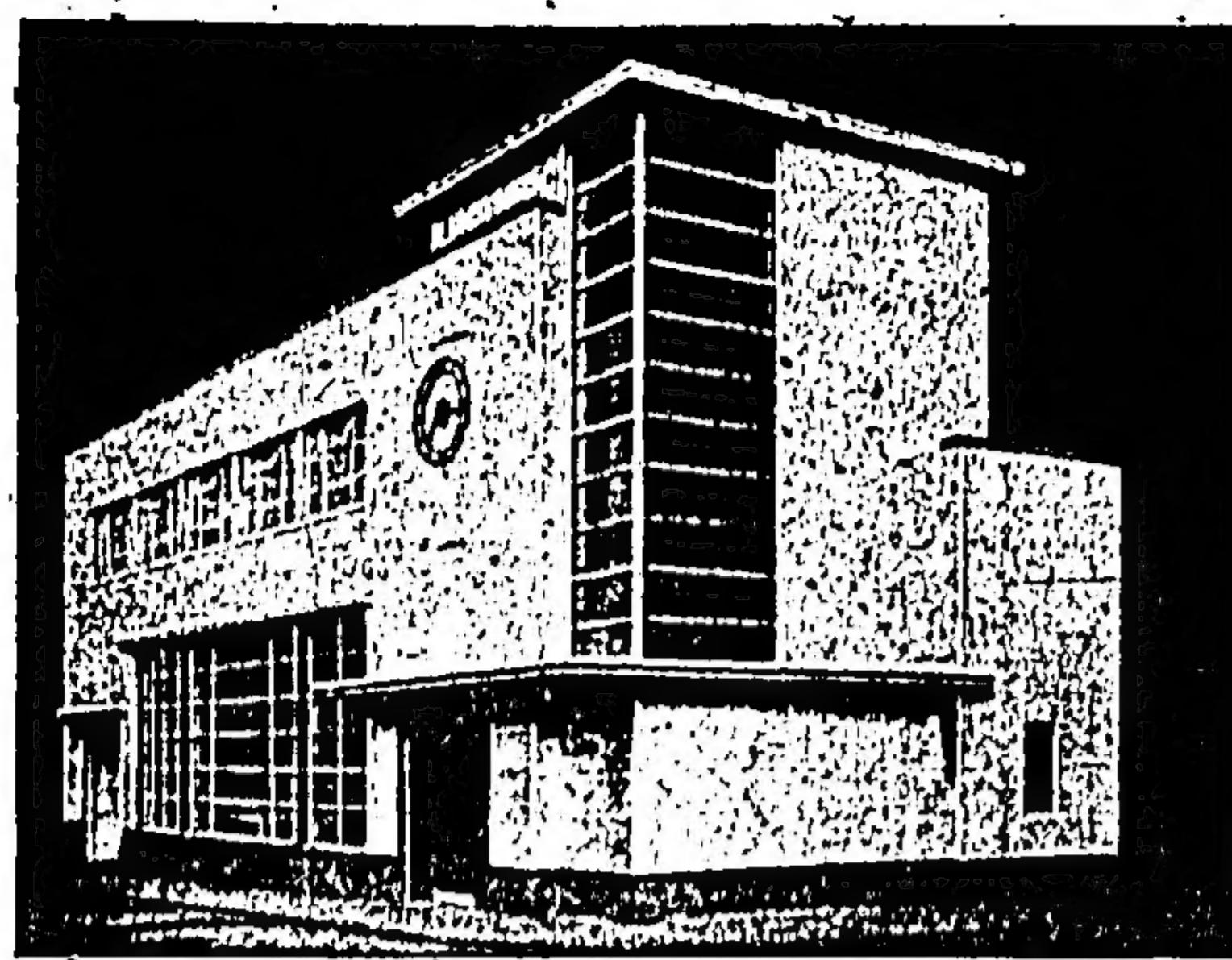
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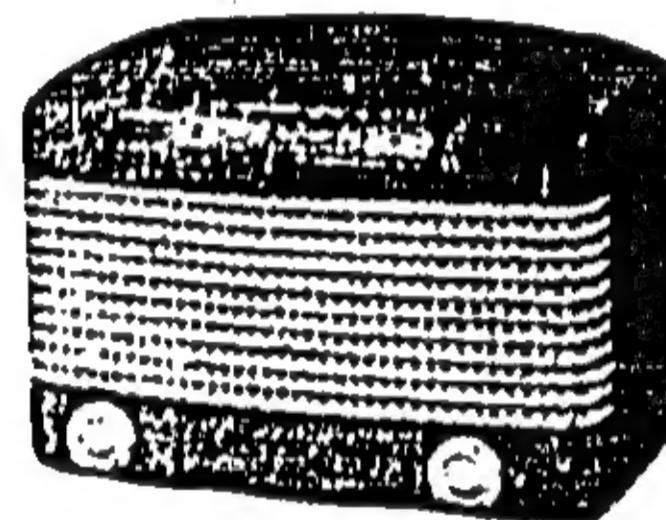
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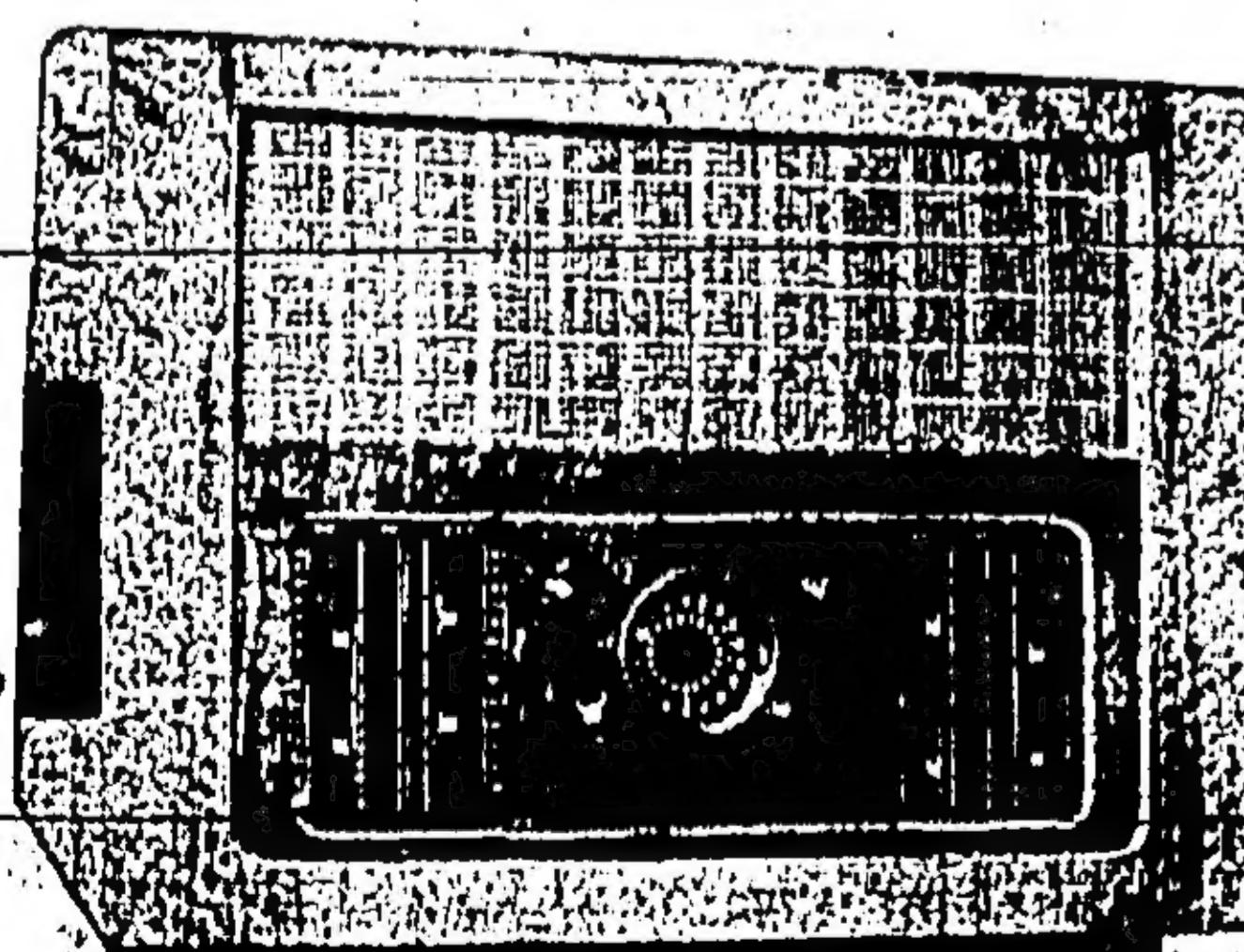
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TROPICAL ROOF CONSTRUCTION

Some of the firms which have been engaged on the production of "Arcon" temporary prefabricated houses have now introduced a light-weight easily transported and easily erected roof to meet the requirements of engineers concerned with colonial development. The roof is known by the same name, "Arcon," and is distributed by Messrs. Taylor Woodrow Construction Limited, 25, Wilton-road, London, S.W.1. While reasonably satisfactory materials for walls and floors are usually available overseas, it is contended that there is often some difficulty in roofing a building. The Arcon roof, it is hoped, meet this demand.

The supporting posts, or columns, and the frame of the roof, in bays of 30-ft. span and 10-ft. long, are made of steel tubes. The columns provide a height to the eaves of 7-ft. 6 in. Each is inserted in a concrete foundation to a depth of about 1 ft., and has an arrangement of flanges at the top for attaching to the truss and purlins. The rafters of the trusses are arched to form a ridge roof, and the

lower tie-beam is also arched. Each truss consists of two symmetrical triangular frames, known as half-trusses and fabricated with lattice bracing from steel tubes. Two half-trusses are joined directly at the lower centre corners, and by a bracing tube at the upper centre corners, to form a complete truss. The outer corner of each half-truss is bolted to the top of a column. In each bay there are eight purlins attached to the rafters, seven purlins attached to the tie-beams, and a purlin at each eave. Corrugated asbestos-cement sheets are fastened to the upper purlins over the whole area of the roof, to form an outer roof, and to the under side of the lower purlins to form an inner roof; the latter sheets do not extend as far as the eaves, but a space is formed between the upper and lower sheets which permits air to circulate in the roof.

The material required for erecting a three-bay structure, 30 ft. by 30 ft., weighs approximately 5 tons, and consists of eight columns, 105 lb. each; 51 purlins, 47 lb. each; four truss braces; eight half-trusses, 187 lb. each; 54 straight sheets and 18 curved sheets; and three bags of bolts. The framing, without sheets, can be erected by unskilled labour in approximately 50 man-hours. All steel members are protected by hot-dip galvanizing. The Arcon tropical roof thus highly resistant to atmospheric corrosion; it is also designed to prevent insects from attacking the material of the structure or infesting the roof. It can be used for a variety of purposes, such as offices, warehouses, schools, bungalows, hostels, etc., and by erecting walls up to the edges of the inner roof, a verandah is provided, and the circulation of air in the roof ensures cool conditions inside the building. The principal components of Arcon roofs are manufactured by Messrs. Stewarts and Lloyds Limited, and Messrs. Turners Asbestos Cements Co., Ltd.

The report lays stress on the importance of increasing competitive efficiency in export fields, Lord McGowan, the Chairman, emphasising that "British industry will have to stand or fall by its own efficiency and its capacity to produce goods at competitive prices."

The Company's policy "throughout the war and since" has been "to keep prices as low as possible".

The immense amount of development work carried out by the I.C.I. in 1947 is shown by the statement that the value of fixed assets increased from approximately £70,000,000 to £84,000,000 during the year. One scheme in which particularly promising progress has been made is the £17,000,000 petroleum chemical works at Wilton, North England. Here, construction is stated to be well ahead and the first plants—scheduled to produce perspex for the plastics industry—will be in production before the end of this year. Therefore, constructional work will be concentrated on a plant to crack petroleum for the manufacture of chemicals.

While the cracking of crude petroleum is not a recent development, since the oil industry cracks millions of tons yearly, whereas the oil industry applies the process mainly for the production of motorcar lubrication fuel, Wilton's object is to use petroleum as a source from which to manufacture a wide range of essential chemicals such as solvents for paints, cellulose, lacquer for cars, saccharine drugs, antimicrobial parabins, fibres such as nylon and dyestuffs.

On completion of the Danish chain of Decca stations this summer this new receiver will make it possible for ships to use both the English and Danish chains and to obtain full service of the Decca navigator system from Ushant to the Southern Baltic. Particularly, ocean-going vessels entering the Western Approaches will have automatic indication of their position on the last and most difficult stages of their voyages.

Britain now has a new and British-designed electric automatic aircraft pilot. It has been developed by Smith's Aircraft Instruments, and could be used for completely automatic flights. This auto-pilot uses a new system called "Rate-Rate" control which, it is claimed, eliminates the danger of gyro tumbling and the need for engaging mechanisms. The detecting elements are contained in the gyro unit; this has three identical and interchangeable gyroscopes which measure the rate of turn respectively about the vertical and horizontal axes. Separate electric servomotors are employed to control rudder ailerons and elevators, and each is harnessed through its amplifier channel to the appropriate gyroscope. The gyrosignal is fed to the amplifier and backed off by a signal proportional to motor speed from a feed-back generator on the servo-motor rotor-shaft; thus, the rate of movement of the control surface is made proportional to the rate of turn of the aircraft

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about the corresponding axis. Use of this "Rate-Rate" control as distinct from displacement control and displacement feedback used on conventional auto-pilots marks a great advance in technique.

PICTURE SHOWS the new all-electric automatic aircraft installed in an Avro aircraft.

Decca Navigator Extension

A new Decca navigator which can be operated on liners and other deep sea vessels was announced recently by Lloyd's List

Use of this British system, considered one of the most accurate in the world, has hitherto been confined mainly to coasting and short sea vessels. Its extension to ocean-going vessels has been made possible by the introduction of an additional feature known as the lane identification system. This will enable ships to switch from one chain of Decca stations to another by rotation of a simple switch and automatically receive signs indicating the ship's position.

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The Decca system is at present used by a wide variety of vessels from large passenger ships to small steam trawlers of some 150 tons.

Degree Of Accuracy

The system enables a navigator to tell his true dead course by a simple reading of two dials; no other instrument is necessary. At present, accuracy to within 300 yards at a distance of 200 miles is claimed, an extreme range of 1,500 miles giving accuracy of half a mile in daylight and two miles after dark.

Decca's wide range of application is indicated by a report published in last week's "Syren" on a recent trial installation in a North Sea fishing trawler.

This was the first test of the system by a British fishing trawler and the skipper reported that the extreme accuracy of the Decca navigator in fixing his position enabled him to pick up fishing grounds in the shortest possible steaming time. On one occasion he had been able to make at least three hauls before other vessels, which left port at

the same time, had reached the fishing ground. During one trip there was dense fog for four days but despite this the Decca system enabled him to keep his position absolutely on the fishing grounds. He described the navigator as the "finest aid to fishing which I have so far experienced."

The trial was so successful that six further fishing trawlers are being equipped immediately. It is anticipated that large numbers of other vessels will be similarly equipped with Decca in the near future.

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HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE ON THE DEATH PENALTY

Effect Of Abolition In The Colonies BILL'S REJECTION EXPECTED

London, June 1.
Lord Llewellyn, moving in the House of Lords today, rejected a House of Commons proposal to suspend the death penalty for murder in Britain, cited the ritual murders on the Gold Coast as one of the reasons for retaining it. Abolition, he said, was bound to have repercussions in the British colonies, "You cannot have one law for those with white skins and a different law for those with coloured skins," he said, amid the cheers of a packed Chamber.

If the death penalty was abolished, it would result in the people of some colonies taking the law into their own hands. There would be more ritual and tribal feuds, which Britain was trying to stamp out.

Lord Llewellyn, a Conservative peer, said if the death penalty was not a deterrent why keep it as punishment for treason?

A vote on Lord Llewellyn's motion to reject the no-hanging clause in a Bill to reform the British penal system will be taken tomorrow. So many peers wished to speak that the debate had to be extended to two days.

The no-hanging clause, which suspends the death penalty for murder for a trial period of five years, was inserted in the Bill by the House of Commons last April.

A Compromise

The Government is against abolition in the crime wave which has followed the war, but granted the House of Commons a free vote because it considered it a non-party matter and one of conscience.

The House of Lords, where the Opposition has an overwhelming majority, are expected to reject the no-hanging clause. The Bill will then go back to the House of Commons for reconsideration. The Government has stated that it is bound to support a decision taken by the Commons, even though it disagrees with it, but it has been suggested, writes Reuters Parliamentary correspondent, that a compromise might be reached by retaining the death penalty for a second murder.

Since the House of Commons decision on abolition, all convicted murderers have had their sentences commuted. Two former Home Secretaries—the Home Secretary has the power to reprieve a man sentenced to death—take opposite views today.

Totalitarian

Lord Samuel, leader of the Liberals in the House of Lords, thought that the death penalty should be retained for certain crimes, such as political assassination; murder of the police or members of the public who

Czech Arms For Palestine

Washington, June 1.
Both sides in the struggle in Palestine are trying to buy arms in Czechoslovakia, diplomatic quarters here claimed today. Press reports said some arms may already be on the way to Israel from Prague.

Diplomatic quarters had no confirmation of this report by Mr. Hanson Baldwin, military correspondent of the New York Times, as well as clandestinely from the United States.

The reliability of the latter point is supported by the fact that some men were arrested in New Jersey several days ago.—Reuter.

"But apparently it was too radical for a majority of South Africans and the result of the

"drama of the career of this Afrikaner was the drama of his own land. And his defeat at the age of 78 is more than a personal tragedy. Indeed for this philosopher in politics it is doubtful whether his defeat constitutes a tragedy at all."

"But for his country the adverse verdict is a very grave matter. The major issue on which the South African election was fought was the racial question. Smuts' programme of reform in racial matters was very mild from the standpoint of nations outside Africa."

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Basic Ration Returns

London, June 1.
The standard "basic" petrol ration for all British car owners returned today after over seven months suspension, but few motorists were seen on the roads.

The new ration allows 90 miles motoring per month and reports indicated most owners were saving up their coupons for week-ends or holidays.

The "basic" ration was abolished last autumn as part of the "austerity" campaign.—Reuter.

British Zone Not To Have Minister

London, June 1.
The changed conditions in the British Zone of Germany made unnecessary the appointment of a successor to Lord Pakenham, former Minister responsible for the British Zones of Germany and Austria, it was considered in well-informed quarters in London today.

Lord Pakenham has been appointed Minister of Civil Aviation. Political quarters here pointed to the increasing integration of the British and United States zones of occupation and the prospect that as a result of the recommendations reached by the six-power London Conference on Germany, the British Zone will now require the full time attention of a Minister.

On the official side, the present head of the German Department of the Foreign Office, Sir William Strang, will remain responsible.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, retains overall responsibility and can delegate the task of answering questions to either of his lieutenants, Mr. Hector McNeil, Minister of State, or Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuter.

CONTROLS TO VANISH

Canberra, June 1.
Mr. Joseph Chifley, the Prime Minister, announced today that the Government has decided, in view of the referendum defeat on Federal price controls, to relinquish control of rents within two months, price-fixing within three months and land sale control within three months.

The state governments, he said, had been invited to set up machinery for administering these controls.

Voters had been asked to approve an amendment to the Commonwealth constitution, enabling the Federal Government permanently to assume the rent and price control powers, taken over during the war.—Reuter.

CIVIL DEFENCE IN BRITAIN

London, June 1.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, told the House of Commons today that the Government was examining all aspects of civil defence in the event of another war.

Mr. Attlee said legislation dealing with certain points was being prepared.—United Press.

COINS TURNED TO LEAD

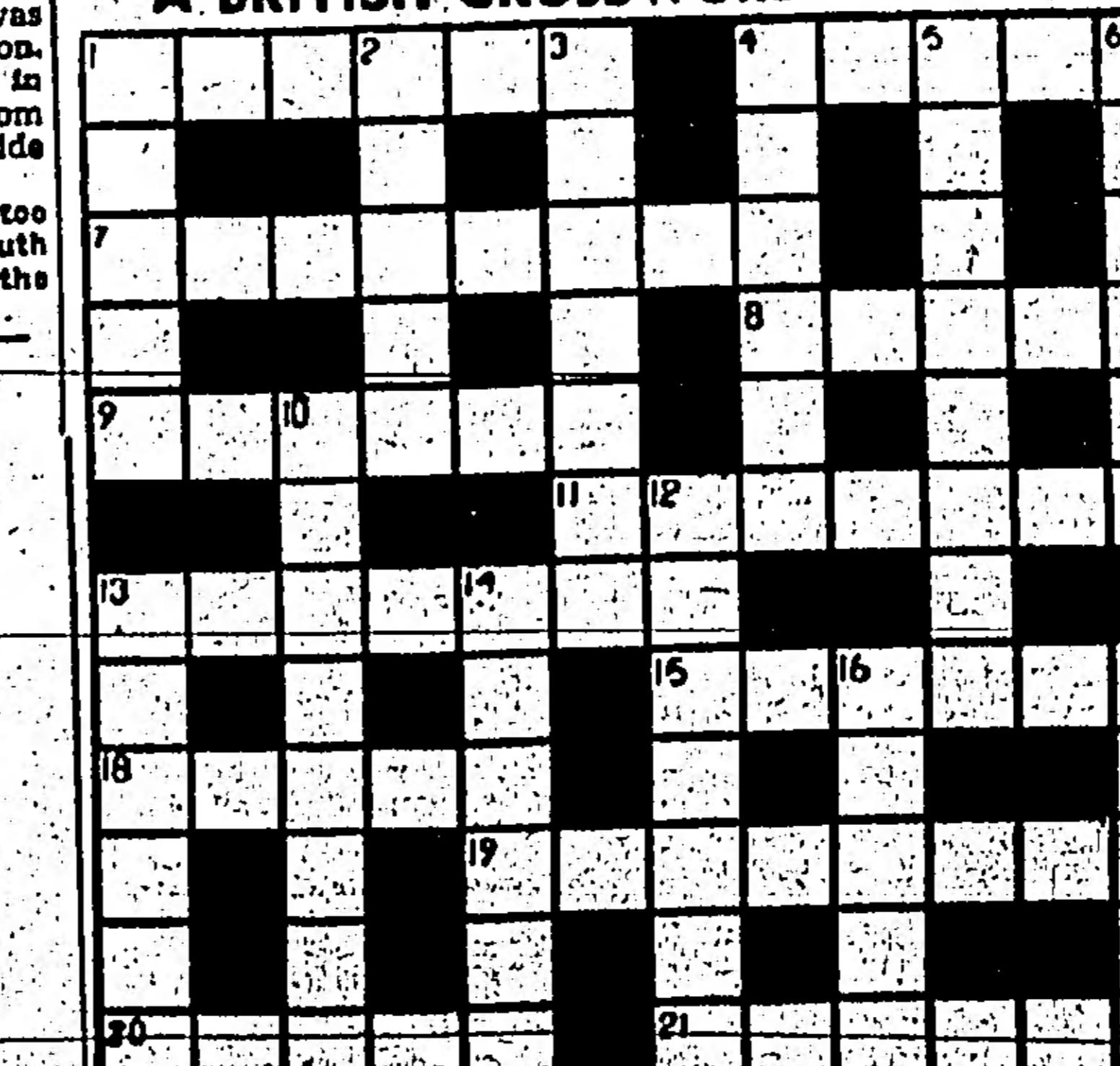
Clermont-Ferrand, June 1.
Antoine Marignani, professional magician, was under arrest here today, charged with turning more than 2,000,000 francs worth of gold coins into lead slugs in a private performance.

The police brigade of Clermont-Ferrand arrested Marignani and his friend, Alexandre Gibault, on the complaint of the proprietor of the Royal Hotel. The hotel manager charged that the pair approached him last month with an offer to buy his establishment.

They allegedly told the hotel man they had a stock of gold which they wanted to exchange for banknotes. The gold coins were duly counted out before a bank representative, who handed over paper money.

When the banker opened the sack of "coins" he found only lead slugs which Marignani allegedly had substituted for the real thing in the sleight-of-hand manoeuvre.—United Press.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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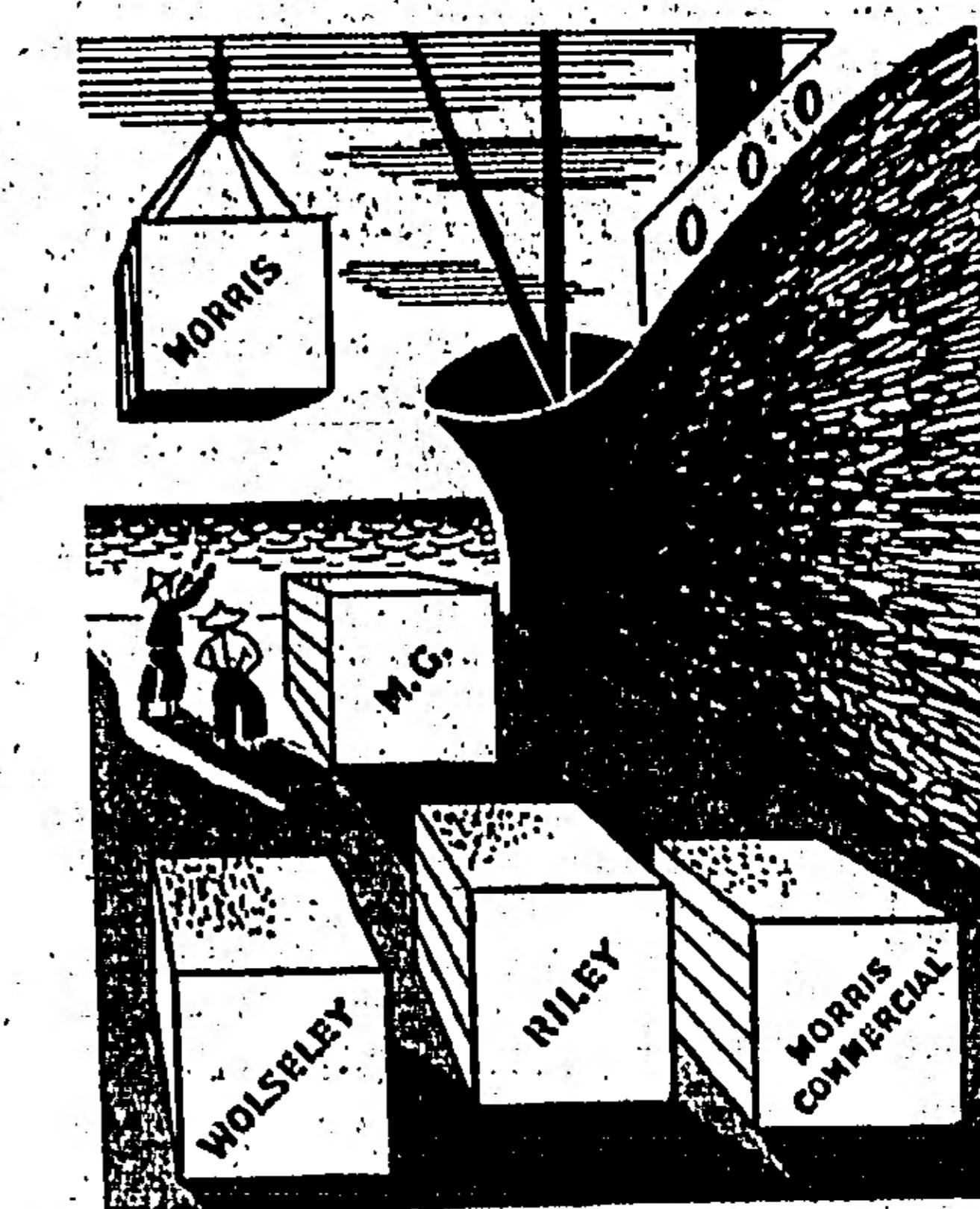
- 1 Method.
- 4 Crest.
- 7 Remembered.
- 8 Precise.
- 9 Entertain.
- 11 Enticed.
- 12 Part.
- 15 Judicial decision.
- 18 Wonders.
- 19 Awful.
- 20 Extrahabitant.
- 21 Dots.
- 22 Part.

Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1 Boss, 4 Riotous, 8 Trim, 9 Halo, 10 Sporran, 11 Pines, 12 Pines, 14 Sledges, 15 Stern, 16 Stern, 17 Stern, 18 Stern, 19 Stern, 20 Stern, 21 Stern, 22 Stern, 23 Stern, 24 Stern, 25 Stern, 26 Stern, 27 Stern, 28 Stern, 29 Stern, 30 Stern.
- Down: 2 Grated, 3 Stores, 4 Tired, 5 House, 6 Lime, 7 Lime, 8 Lime, 9 Lime, 10 Lime, 11 Lime, 12 Peat, 13 Lime, 14 Lime, 15 Lime, 16 Lime, 17 Lime, 18 Lime, 19 Lime, 20 Lime, 21 Lime, 22 Lime, 23 Lime, 24 Lime, 25 Lime, 26 Lime, 27 Lime, 28 Lime, 29 Lime, 30 Lime.

Clues Down

- 1 Fragment.
- 2 Traffic.
- 3 Half-breed.
- 4 Ransom.
- 5 Container for wine.
- 6 Delighted.
- 10 Changeable.
- 12 Ratty.
- 13 Permeable.
- 14 Part of the foot.
- 15 Brittle.
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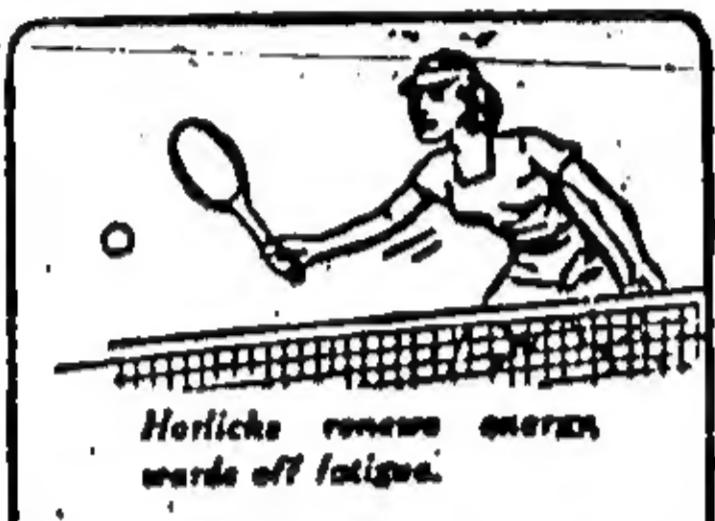


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BOTH SIDES AGREE TO A TRUCE

One-Month Cessation Of JEWS MAKE RESERVATION ON IMPORT OF ARMS

London, June 1. The Provisional Government of Israel and the Arab League have informed the United Nations Security Council that they accept the Council's order for a one-month truce in Palestine.

Official Syrian sources in Damascus, however, said tonight that fighting would continue in the Holy Land during present negotiations between the Arab leaders and the Security Council, and the Arab meeting in Amman will in their negotiations try to guarantee that Arab military efforts have not been in vain.

Israel accepted the Council's call to cease fire when its Government called on all Jewish forces to stop firing as from 0300 Palestine time tomorrow, provided the Arabs do likewise.

The Arabs accepted the truce when Faris Bey Al Kheury, Syrian delegate to the United Nations and President of the Security Council this month, received a cable from the Arab states, declaring their acceptance and promising a detailed reply by cable later today.

The Jews, in their reply, said the cease-fire order to Israel's forces had been given on the assumption:

- 1.—The ban on the import of arms to Arab countries, proposed by the Council during a one-month truce, shall apply to delivery from stocks owned or controlled by foreign powers within the territories of the Arab states;
- 2.—During the cease-fire the armed forces of neither side shall seek to advance beyond the areas they now hold, and each

side shall be entitled to maintain their present positions.

War Goes On

While both Jews and Arabs have informed the Council of their willingness to abide by a truce, earlier reports today indicated that Iraqi forces have reached the Mediterranean at Nahraniyeh, thus cutting communication between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Arab Legion shelling of Jewish positions in Jerusalem meanwhile continued today. Only interruptions occurred when the Arab gunner stopped shelling the Hebrew University after lunch when a two-hour truce was arranged to evacuate 100 seriously wounded Arabs from the French Hospital in the Old City.

Iraqi troops today stood around Tel Aviv in a semi-circle 11 to 14 kilometres away and with Arab irregulars recaptured the main water pumping station on the pipeline to Jerusalem, about 11 kilometres from the Jewish capital.

An Iraqi communique also claimed that the Jews retreated in panic from Kfar Yona, about three kilometres east of the Nathanya crossroad on the Tel Aviv-Haifa Road, leaving a number of dead and injured. The Haganah commander was killed, it was stated.

Egyptian forces, meanwhile, are attacking all Jewish colonies on the 25-mile stretch of the Palestine coast between Isdud to the south and Tel Aviv. Egyptian planes bombed Jewish Kfar Yonah about 10 miles south-east of the Jewish capital, leaving it in flames. Reuter.

Complain Because They Can't Cook!

Hamburg, June 1. Members of the British Wives Committee, representing the interests of more than 700 Army and Control Commission families in Hamburg, today denied British press reports that they intend to make a mass protest to the British Minister of Food on the question of inferior meat and other rations.

Mrs Tom Walkley, whose husband is an official in the film section, is the secretary of the committee. She said, "We have individual complaints from some families because of the endless scrap end of beef which is sent month after month."

"Our five-member food committee deals with any complaints and suggestions but there is no intention at present of making a mass protest."

A senior spokesman of the Rhine Army Headquarters today said that no official or mass complaints have been received about the quality of meat, the bulk of which comes from Argentina.

A sergeant who supervises the distribution of rations to the doors of 350 Army families in Hamburg reported, "Although the standard of meat is pretty grim we only have an odd five or six families

The main point of disagreement has been the question of the cost in dollars of transit through the Dutch and Belgian ports compared with the cost of transit through the German ports of Hamburg and Bremen.

Informed quarters here believe the development of the European recovery programme within the last year may now make it possible to reach an agreement on this issue. Reuter.

NAVAL TRAGEDY

Norfolk, June 1. Nine United States Marines and 18 Navy men perished when a Navy launch was swamped in choppy waters when returning to men to their ship after Memorial Day leave here last night. It was officially estimated today. Marine

Palestine Fighting

Oregon Disaster

REFUGEES FLEE FLOOD AREAS

Portland, Oregon, June 1. Army engineers tonight ordered the mass evacuation of a 120-mile stretch on the flooded Columbia River, whose swirling waters are swamping the outskirts of this city of 660,000 people.

Many thousands of inhabitants of the affected area—at the lower end of the stream—have already fled, the Army authorities said. The flood has already cost at least 20 lives and more than \$37,000,000 in property losses.

The crest of the torrent, coming hourly nearer, is expected to reach Portland City tonight or early tomorrow. Already, the railway station and some streets are flooded.

The toll of dead will not be known until the waters recede. Two huge dams still resist the mighty force of the Columbia River, swollen by melting snows from the Rocky Mountains.

One of them, the Grand Coulee, the world's largest man-made structure, is 420 miles from here; the other, Bonneville, is 40 miles away.

The threat increases.

Army engineers today ordered all but flood workers out of the area behind the dykes. Thousands of people abandoned their homes and swelled

the stream of refugees fleeing from the area.

They tried to race the waters to the safety of high ground. Transport, communications and electric power are crippled, hampering rescue operations.

The river is in a flood state for 750 miles. It also threatens many small towns at its lower end.

The threat of the waters increased today as the Pacific high tide lent its force to the torrent. Sandbag walls, painfully built with hours of labour, were swept away in minutes.

Army engineers estimated today that \$27,000,000 of damage was done when the tiny walled town of Vanport was virtually swept away by the torrent. No estimates of casualties have yet been made. Reuter.

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BRITAIN TO AID CEYLON EFFORTS

London, June 1. Britain has agreed to do "what is possible" to help Ceylon develop her natural resources. This is revealed in a letter from Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the British Treasury, to Ceylon's Minister of Finance, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, published today.

The arrangements made by the financial delegation sent over from Ceylon in April and now confirmed by both Governments concern sterling balances, foodstuffs, economic development and monetary cooperation.

Provision is made for a working balance in Ceylon of £24,000,000, which in certain circumstances may be increased by a further £1,000,000.

There will be a release of £2,500,000 which is agreed to be sufficient to cover any foreseeable deficit in Ceylon's balance of trade.

It was further agreed that a substantial unforeseen rise in the prices of essential foodstuffs were to occur, the Ceylon Government should be entitled to draw down the sum initially provided for working balances and after consultation to call for an additional £1,000,000.

Details of other agreements Mr. Jay disclosed that Britain

Paris, June 1. The pre-war Paris newspaper, Le Matin, which was the first to reappear after the Nazi occupation, was put on trial in court here today under post-liberation "purge" legislation for "intelligence" with the enemy.

If the paper is convicted its property could be confiscated, the owning company liquidated, and its publication forbidden.

Proceedings could also be taken against the responsible director.

Le Matin appeared in June, 1946, under British New Order and bitterly opposed the Allied peace terms.

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CHINESE ORDNANCE MISSION BUYING IN UNITED STATES**Rising Costs Of Arms Purchases**

Washington, June 1.

A Chinese ordnance mission, here in connection with the United States' US\$125,000,000 military aid programme to China, indicated today the project may not be approved in detail for another three months.

Major General Yang Chi Tseng, China's Chief of Ordnance and head of the mission, said the Nanking Government had submitted to the United States its detailed proposal for using the funds.

Our proposals may already be in the hands of the State Department," General Yang said in an exclusive interview. "They brought a detailed proposal but its adoption depends upon the availability here of the required materials."

General Yang and his associates here said they gave the proposal to Chinese Ambassador in Wellington Koo, "who is dealing with the State Department."

"My responsibility is to handle details of the programme," General Yang said. "In the event that what we already have proposed be accepted for China is not available, I have authority to change it."

A GHOST FROM THE PAST

Berlin, June 1.

The British-licensed news agency, DPD, reported today that Heinrich Bruening, German Chancellor just before Hitler seized the country, would arrive in England this month and planned to visit Holland and Germany before returning to the United States.

The Communist press has periodically claimed that Bruening might come back to head a West German government.

Moscow Radio and Berlin Communist papers yesterday charged that Bruening, with the help of Germans under the top German Bizonal administrator in Frankfurt, was trying to return to power in Germany.

In Frankfurt, the administrator told the United Press that such charges were completely untrue.

He said he had been in contact with Bruening since the war, but denied flatly that he had ever received any political directives from him.—United Press.

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Assassination Of Czech Communist

Prague, June 1.

The police disclosed today that Augustin Bram, Colonel of a Partisan group and an official of the Communist Party, was assassinated last Friday night.

The official report said Bram was summoned to the door of his home here, and then shot down by a man with a pistol. The killer escaped.

Only the bare announcement of the killing was published in Prague's newspapers. Communist Party headquarters refused to answer any question about it.—Associated Press.

EX-KING MICHAEL WEDDING MYSTERY

London, June 1.

Whether Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme will wed ex-King Michael of Romania in Athens on Saturday became a deeper mystery today when her mother, Princess Margaret of Denmark, flew home from a 24-hour visit to Michael in Lausanne.

Athens reports that Anne had disclosed today about Princess Anne or her plans and the herself could not be contacted.

Earlier Athens reports said the religious question—Anne is Roman Catholic and Michael is Greek Orthodox—was holding up the intended marriage.

Authoritative reports from the Vatican said the Roman Catholic Church would not recognise any marriage by Orthodox rites. The Pope has refused a dispensation as Michael has declined to undertake not to interfere in the Catholic education of the children.

Court circles in Athens would either confirm nor deny the Lausanne reports that Anne has embraced the Orthodox faith.—Reuter.

Producers Hostile, Says Lewis

Washington, June 1.

John L. Lewis argued today that he is not required to bargain with the "hostile, arbitrary" Southern Coal Producers Association.

This was his reply to the Government's motion for a Taft-Hartley Act injunction to compel his United Mine Workers to seek a contract with the Association.

Lewis' lawyers filed a motion to dismiss the injunction suit brought by Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labour Relations Board.

The Taft-Hartley law requires the Unions and Employers to bargain in good faith with each other. Lewis has refused to bargain with the Southern group on the ground it did not take part in the previous contract talks, and the National negotiations for a soft coal contract have collapsed as a result.

The Union, in moving to dismiss the suit, filed a long affidavit from Lewis himself attacking the Southern group and explaining why he won't deal with it.—Associated Press.

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OZARDIA (Mac. Mac.), British, from Bombay 1.55 p.m.

WIELDRECHT (Boeing) 2.30 p.m.

YIELDRECHT (Boeing) 2.30 p.m.

TOBAYI ANDRE LEBON (M.M.) from Saigon, 1.55 p.m.

PAKHOH (H. & S.) from Singapore, 10 a.m.

TAPHOH (H. & S.) from China, 1.55 p.m.

WILSON (M.M.) from New York, 10 a.m.

MOUNT MANSPIELD (A.P.L.) from New York.

STEEL MAKER (Gardine) ex-Pacific Coast.

YIELDRECHT (Boeing) ex-Singapore 2.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

GATHY PACIFIC ex-Macao 11.55 a.m.

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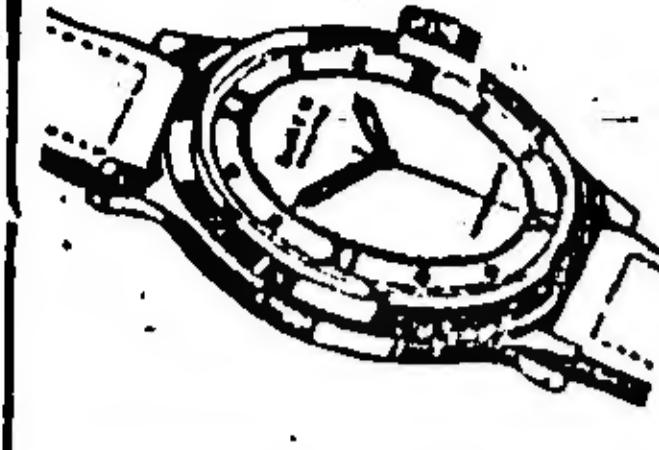
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HONG KONG, THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 1948.

ROBINS CLAIMED AS BEST UK COUNTER TO DON BRADMAN

London, June 1.
Among the players to take part in tomorrow's England Test trial who did well in the series of county matches which ended today were two members of the Test team, Arthur Fogg (Kent) and R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), who batted brilliantly today on the eve of the trial.

Fogg, who made 97 in Kent's first innings against Leicestershire, today reached his first century of the season in the second innings. A sound and consistent bat, his present excellent form must enhance his chance of getting a place in the England team.

Simpson, playing against the Australian at Trent Bridge, where the first Test will be held, earned the distinction of becoming the man to play the season to score two half centuries off them in a county match.

At the wicket for less than two hours he had 70 today, he was steady and confident against the tour's paceful attack, and hit four fours.

R. W. V. Bradman, the captain of the Test team in the absence of E. S. Morgan, has now added to his plus points a full century. He made 100 off Lord's, where the English bowler on a hard pitch was always difficult to find.

Great Skipper

Many have advocated captaincy by Robins as England's best counter to the wily Don Bradman. Still, at 42, a useful leg break bowler, a forcing batsman and an inspiring fielder, Robins is above all a great

captain, with a remarkable ability to bring the utmost out of each player under him.

The news that Len Hutton, Yorkshire, and English opening bat will not be playing in the tour because of a bad cold comes as a big disappointment, especially in view of the fine form he has been showing recently. In bottom 176 not out against Sussex, he scored with the kind of ardour abounding in the latter stages of his innings, which occupied four and a quarter hours in all and produced 15 fours.

While Robins played bravely with the programme of matches which ended today, there were enough hopes to see a change of heart in the county championship table.

Derbyshire are now in front, four points ahead of the champion Middlesex, who lost their chance of sharing top place by losing first innings points in their drawn game with Lancashire.

Pollock Magic

The last half hour was used for Lancashire to lead Middlesex, and the vital stage of the game was just after lunch today when Pollard of Lancashire claimed five Middlesex wickets for two runs when the Champions promised to make them safe. But from 185 for ten, they collapsed again, this Pollard magic.

Pollard was the big man of the Derbyshire victory over Gloucester for he followed his stirring maul of 70 with an unbroken bowling spell of 25 overs in which he claimed seven wickets for 34 runs to give Derbyshire the victory.

When Prentice of Leicestershire decked all the wiles of Wright, spin bowling while scoring 78, Leicestershire seemed likely to save the game but in the extra half hour, Kent won.

Results:—

At Derby:—Derbyshire won by 301 runs; Derbyshire 206 and 309 for eight declared (Pope 70); Glamorgan 134 and 71 (Pope 47).

Donations paid and in the course of payment totalled \$419,099. Since these figures were announced, donations have been increased by a further \$20,000.

Mr. Sheldon also mentioned that a Totalisator had been ordered from England and would in all probability be installed during the summer months of 1949 ready for use in the Autumn of that year, and that the provision of a "Photo Finish" had been agreed upon.

This, it was hoped, would be completed and brought into use in January next.

With the installation of the Totalisator a great deal, if not all, of the discomforts of crowding in the Pari-Mutuel halls should disappear as it will then be possible to bet on any horse in a race, who or place, at any time, in any machine, some 60 of which will be spread over the buildings.

KING PHUMIPHON ASKED TO RETURN

Bangkok, June 1.
The uncrowned King of Siam, Phumiphon Aduldej, has been invited by the Phibun Government to return to his kingdom for coronation on his birthday, Dec. 5.

If the King accepts, then the cremation of the remains of his brother, who was killed in November, official sources said.

The cremation had been previously set for February, 1949, after having been postponed three times.

Meanwhile, the Government will speed up the investigation of the death of King Ananda Mahidol. In the hope that a settlement will be reached within the next few months, with the return of the chief investigator from Switzerland, where he interviewed members of the royal household, early trial of the case is being urged.

The invitation to the King to return for his coronation in December is being carried to Switzerland, where the young monarch is in school, by Prince Dhani Nivat, a member of the Ministry Council, who will represent Phumiphon to carry out the

provisions for the readjustment of contracts frustrated by the war are contained in the Bill which passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday. No confirmation of the report could be obtained from Police sources.

To Deport Communist

Washington, June 1.
The Department of Justice today announced the arrest for deportation of Jacob Abrahams Stachel, National Director of Education for the American Communist Party.

Mr. Stachel has been removed to Ellis Island to await deportation proceedings. He is accused of illegally entering the United States and of joining a subversive organization after his entry.—Reuter.

LEAGUE TENNIS

A full programme of games were played yesterday in the Second Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

Results:—

C.R.C. "A" v K.C.C.

At Charing Cross Chinese Recreation Club by six sets to nil.

Wong Shew-ling and Luk Ding-keung beat A.E. White and D. Brown 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

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